

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing a service platform (SP) via an Internet browser session, said method comprising steps of:

(a) installing a servlet (~~SL~~) at a web-server (~~SERV~~) of a content provider having access to said service platform (~~SP~~);

(b) when a user tries to use (~~12~~) a service of said service platform by contacting said web server (~~SERV~~) of said content provider within a certain browser session, detecting by said servlet (~~SL~~) whether or not said certain browser session is already associated to a related service session;

(c) if said certain browser session is already associated to said related service session, performing predetermined actions related to said service session, ~~such as charging~~;

(d) if said certain browser session is not associated to said related service session, returning (~~13~~) a web-page containing an applet (~~AL~~) to guide an associated browser (~~BR~~) of the user through a logon process (~~15—26~~) for said related service session; and

(e) said user accessing said service session via said certain browser session.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein said user accessing said service session via said certain browser session by using said applet (~~AL~~) received within said browser session for accessing said service session.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein said received applet (~~AL~~) is launched on said browser (~~BR~~).

B/ 4. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein said applet (~~AL~~) contacts ~~(14 to 23)~~ said service session and informs ~~(24, 25)~~ said servlet (~~SL~~) via the service session about the association of said certain browser session to said service session.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein said applet (~~AL~~) initiates the re-request of said service by initiating a re-contacting ~~(27)~~ of said web server (~~SERV~~) of the content provider.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 4, wherein said servlet (~~SL~~) is informed ~~(24, 25)~~ via the service session about the association of said certain browser session with a particular party.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 6, wherein accounting procedures for said party are passed to said servlet ~~(SL)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 4, wherein, for contacting the service session, said applet ~~(AL)~~ starts ~~(14-16)~~ an access session and logs on ~~(17-23)~~ to a retailer ~~(RETAILER)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 8, wherein said applet ~~(AL)~~ tries to find, whether the user is already in an access session and if not it will establish one.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 8, wherein, during the log on, a user-application service component ~~(ssUAPE)~~ is launched ~~(19)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A servlet ~~(SL)~~ for being installed at a web server ~~(SERV)~~, said servlet ~~(SL)~~ is adapted for performing following steps when executed on said web server ~~(SERV)~~:

when a user tries to use ~~(12)~~ a service of said service platform by contacting said web server ~~(SERV)~~ within an certain browser session, detecting whether or not said certain browser session is already associated to a related service session of a service platform ~~(SP)~~;

if said certain browser session is already associated to said related service session,
performing predetermined actions related to said service session; and

if said certain browser session is not associated to said related service session, returning
(13)-a web-page containing an applet (~~AL~~) which is adapted for guiding an associated browser
(~~BR~~) of the user through a logon process (~~15—26~~) for said related service session at the service
platform-(~~SP~~).

B/ 12. (Currently Amended) A servlet (~~SL~~) as in claim 11, wherein said servlet (~~SL~~)
keeping a list of www browser sessions associated to service sessions of said service platform
(~~SP~~) and related interfaces of user-application service components (~~ssUApp~~) of said service
platform-(~~SP~~).

13. (Currently Amended) A servlet (~~SL~~) as in claim 11, wherein said servlet-(~~SL~~), when
launched on said web server-(~~SERV~~), goes through a login procedure and starts a service session
at a retailer (~~RETAILER~~) of said service platform-(~~SP~~).

14. (Currently Amended) A servlet (~~SL~~) as in claim 13, wherein said servlet-(~~SL~~), when
launched on said web server-(~~SERV~~), launches a respective user-application service component
(~~ssUApp~~) within the service platform-(~~SP~~).

15. (Currently Amended) A service unit (~~SU~~) of a content provider having access to a service platform (~~SP~~), said service unit comprising a content repository (~~CDB~~) for providing content, a web-server (~~SERV~~) for enabling the service unit to be a party of a Internet browser session and a servlet (~~SL~~) as in claim 11, being installed at said web-server (~~SERV~~).

16. (Currently Amended) A service unit as in claim 15, wherein each time a link is requested on the web server (~~SERV~~), the servlet (~~SL~~) is invoked.

B/ 17. (Currently Amended) An applet for accessing a service platform (~~SP~~) via an Internet browser session, said applet (~~AL~~) is adapted for performing following steps when executed on a web browser (~~BR~~) of a user:

guiding the web browser (~~BR~~) of the user through a logon process (~~15—26~~) for a service session of a service platform (~~SP~~);

informing a servlet launched on a web server (~~SERV~~) of a content provider via the service session about the association of said browser session to said service session; and initiating a contacting (~~27~~) of said web server (~~SERV~~) of the content provider by said web browser (~~BR~~) within said browser session.

18. (New) The method as in claim 1, wherein one of said predetermined actions is charging.